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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/071,978

Applicant(s)

SWAYZE ET AL.

Examiner

Kahsay Habte

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-21, 63 and 65-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 63 and 65-72 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3-21, 63 and 65-72 are pending in this application.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment filed 03/21/2006 in response to the previous Office Action (1/26/2006) is acknowledged. Rejection of claims 63 and 65-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph (item 6) has been obviated. Even though applicant's amendment overcame the second paragraph rejection and objections raised in previous Office Action, the amendment raise minor issues. Also upon review of claim 1, it is deemed necessary to raise minor issues for informalities.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 1, the phrase "R₁ is alkyl, aryl.....heteroaryl; heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl" is objected to because of the recitation of the term "heteroaryl" with semicolon. Note that the recitation of "heteroaryl;" implies that heteroaryl is the last choice for variable R₁. Since this is not the case, it is recommended that applicants change the semicolon to comma to overcome this objection. Claim 1 should read as "R₁ is alkyl, aryl.....heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl".
4. Claim 18 is objected because there is no period at the end of the claim (i.e. after the last chemical structure).

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Claims 3-17 and 19-21 are also objected to of being dependent upon objected claim 1.

Response to arguments

Applicant's argument filed 03/21/2006 has been fully considered but it is not persuasive.

In previous claim set (12/19/2005), there were two periods at the end of the last chemical structures on pages 8 and 9. The first period was after the deleted chemical structures on page 8 (the period was not underlined to indicate deletion). The second period was after the last chemical structure at page 9. Currently the clean claim set does not have a period at the end of the claim. It appears that applicants forgot to insert a period after taking the deleted chemical structures and the lines from the replaced chemical structures. It is recommended that applicants insert a period after the chemical structure as it was done in claims 11 and 19.

The examiner recommends that applicants send a clean set of claims, since the previous claim sets appear to have a vertical line in the pages (e.g. see pages 8-10 of the current claim set).

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

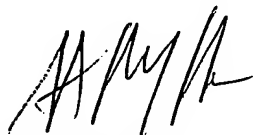
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kahsay Habte whose telephone number is (571) 272-0667. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9.00AM- 5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kahsay Habte', is positioned above the printed name.

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Primary Examiner
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March 29, 2006